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THE WEATHER.

Washington, April 16.-For Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Kansas: Fair; warmer; variable winds, becoming southerly. For Missouri: Fair; warmer; variable winds; becoming southeasterly.

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#### IN LEAGUE WITH BRIBERY. We see no reason to alter the opinion that

the boodle investigation at Topeka will result in a farce-at least, in the sense that no one will be brought to punishment for offering or accepting bribes. As the investigation progresses it is becoming more and more apparent that the Populists have no intention of convicting any one. At the outset it was undoubtedly the belief of the Populist managers that they could make political capital by parading this investigation in the name of superior virtue and honesty; and they were no doubt also influenced by the belief that having control of all the machinery they would be enabled to smirch the character of a lot of Republicans. But, contrary to expectations, the testimony so far accumulated reflects solely upon Populist members of the legislature, and the investigation would be dropped like a hot brick to-morrow if any half decent way should offer itself. In its present aspect the inquisition displays a remarkable example of a political party being hoist by its own petard.

That the Populists have no real intention of convicting any one of bribery would seem to be well established by the manner in which the Populist members of the legislature go upon the witness stand and give in their testimony. With hardly an exception they have related instances of bribery, attempted either upon themselves or other members, and then point blank refused to divulge the names of the bribers. Where a few of the culprits have been named it was clearly for the gratification of some political vengeance, as in the case of ex-Governor Lewelling, who appears to have the doubtful if he has gone to greater depths of infamy than many of his pursuers. Instead of becoming instruments of justice, these alleged reformers have appeared as aiders and abettors of the criminals, and if the culprits go free it will be because a large number of the Populist members of the legislature have become their protectors in defiance of the law, the decencies and the oaths which they took when going upon the witness stand.

Another feature of this investigation which must have struck the public is the ease and facility with which the reformers commit perjury. No less than eight of the members of the house and senate have taken the stand and testified that eight other members had sworn to point blank lies, There is no escaping the conclusion that on one side or the other eight of these wit-

But in calling this investigation a farce it should not be assumed for a moment that there will be anything farcical about the result it will have on the Populist party. If it should stop right now the people of Kansas would require no further proof that the lawmaking power had fallen into the hands of the most corrupt lot of scoundrels who ever escaped the penitentiary. The developments are not at all surprising to people familiar enough with human history to know that without an exception for three thousand years the professional agitator has been a scalawag. From the day the old Pharisee stood upon the street corner and thanked God that he was not as other men, the holler-than-thou politician who has presented himself as a benefactor of mankind has been either a vainglerious demagogue or a hypocritical shyster-and usually he unites these two qualities. It is the most natural thing in the world that the Populists who campaigned last fall upon their own superior honesty should develop into boodlers and perjurers before they had time to rightly warm the scats in which the misguided people of Kansas had placed them. It is nothing new in human history, and the only wonder is that Kansas should have needed to take the lesson.

It is gratifying to learn from Mr. Munson, of the upper house of the council, that the city is to be saved from the weed nuisance this year. All Kansas City people who have memories fifteen months long remember the wilderness of weeds through which pedestrians on the side streets had to grope last summer. The sidewalks-especially the board sidewalks-were lined and arbored with the rank growth, and vacant lots were so many impenetrable forests. When the authorities finally undertook to cope with the nuisance it was too

Mr. Munson says timely action is to be much easier to mow down, or hoe down, weeds when they are young and tender tall and tough. In dealing with the weed nulsance, as in many other things, prevention is still worth several times its weight

Undoubtedly, by making the necessary preparations and beginning early, the sidesufficient allowance for this purpose and held responsible for results.

As to vacant lots, it seemed to be unofficially decided last year that non-resident owners could not be forced to cut weeds on their premises. There is good reason to believe that this is mere chimney-corner law. If a non-resident should attempt to run a slaughter-house on a city lot he would be compelled to abandon the job in short order. If he can be made to abate one kind of nulsance he can be made to abate any other kind. An honest effort should be put forth, at least, to reach the unenterprising non-resident on the weed question. The Journal trusts that Mr. Munson was talking with knowledge, and that he will omit no effort to make good his state-

#### INORDINATE WEALTH, TWO MILL-IONS.

"The Kansas Populists," says the St Louis Globe-Democrat, "shrink from saying what they mean by inordinate wealth." This assertion has appeared several times. It is untrue. The Kansas Populists who organized the movement to tax great wealth published a tabulated statement some weeks ago telling just what they mean. They propose a graduated tax on wealth, ranging from 1 per cent on \$2,000,000 to 33 per cent on \$160,000,000 or over. Anything under \$2,000,000 is to be exempt.

Of course the proposition is nonsense. The men behind it are the same "reformers" who have been proposing wild and impossible things in Kansas for the last ten rears. It is not worth noticing except by those interested in seeing how many different ways Kansas Populists can exploit their lack of common sense in a given time. Schemes of this sort, while amusingly foolish, are not harmful. They will never come to anything. It is when Populist crankism begins to "reform" the railroads and the insurance business and the educa-

tional institutions that Kansas bleeds. FAIR PLAY FOR A BRIGHT BOY. Congressman Shattuck, of Ohio, has the right kind of pluck. In his district an examination of applicants for a naval cadetship was recently held, and the contestant who took highest rank was a Cincinnati colored boy named Bundy. A tempest at once arose in the Annapolis school. Many students declared they would resign if a negro was admitted, and General Shattuck was strongly urged to turn down the

winner and appoint a white lad. But Shattuck objects. He declares the colored boy won fairly and is entitled to the honor, and shall have it. He somewhat doubts the wisdom of Bundy subjecting himself to possible persecutions from the white cadets, but he will stand by the boy

if the boy's courage holds out. The congressman's position is sound. The authorities of the naval academy, instead of remonstrating with him, should indorse his course and proffer the assurance that Bundy will be duly protected in his person and rights. If the discipline of the institution is not sufficient to guarantee personal safety to every student there is something wrong.

### HOME GROWN SLANDERERS.

One doesn't have to search far to discover a moral in an incident related by J. W. Moore, until recently a member of the Kansas live stock commission. Mr. Moore's duties took him to Mexico last fall, and while there he was entertained for a day by a distinguished officer of the republic. In course of the conversation the Mexican remarked that he had never heard but one class or nationality of people say unkind things of the United States. With visions Mr. Mcore demanded to know what people uttered slanderous things against the best government on earth, and his surprise may be imagined when the Mexican quietly replied: "The only people I have ever heard abuse the United States government were the Americans themselves."

This is a true indictment. The liberty of speech of which we boast often degenerates into license. In every political campaign men may be found whose stock in trade is abuse of the government. To follow them in their harangues would be to regard the government as something extraneous from the people themselves-an oppressor from whose oppressions the people are constantly striving to escape. It must strike the foreigner as peculiar that a government in which every citizen is a full and equal participator could take on any such character. It must be difficult for the dweller in a monarchy to understand how a government administered solely by public opinion can become a tyrant, and yet he could form no other conclusion after listening, for instance, to one of the Populist campaign speeches of last fall.

The people of the United States have full sway in administering the affairs of government. As government is, so they have made it. There never has been a time, over a longer period than from one election to another, when any governmental theory or practice stood against the wishes of a majority of the people. Those who de nounce the government at any time are those who are in the minority and their denunciation is therefore nothing more or less than a denial of the right of the majority, Congress is the sovereign power of the American people, for it may impeach even the president. Congresses are made once each two years. In selecting this sovereign every man stands free and equal. The man who weighs four hundred pounds and stands seven feet high has only one vote, while the pigmy of voting age may have the same. The president of a college can cast one vote and the man who sweeps out his office may cast one also. The president of the greatest railroad on earth has no more voting power than one of his section hands. Before the law all men are equal, and under the law the majority must rule.

It is the fashion of the agitators, who are in the minority, and who will ever be if the good sense of the American people prevails, to denounce congress as having betrayed the will of the people. There is no ustance on record where the United States congress has betrayed any wish of the American people expressed intelligibly at the polls. Political treason is a rarity in American affairs, for it means not only disgrace, but political death as well. At times congress has misinterpreted the wishes of the people and found its punishment in big to handle with the facilities then avail- overwhelming defeat at the first subsequent election, but there is no instance where a congress has deliberately betrayed taken this season and the weeds will be an issue upon which it secured election. The kept down. That is the right idea. It is inference from this must therefore be that the people are really and truly the governors of themselves, and any one who says to than to chop them down when they grow the contrary is a slanderer of his country and an enemy to the republican form of government.

The Easter cleaning scheme was so ger erally commended that the public was surprised to find opposition to its successful walks can be kept in passable condition. | completion in the city council. Fortunately

The street department ought to be given the board of public works was broader minded than some of the councilmen, and the good work will go on to a finish.

> W. J. Bryan says "the position taken by the Democratic party in 1896 will not be surrendered." If the Democratic party neans to hold the position taken by it in the latter part of 1896 it can do so very easily by simply lying still and gazing at the stars.

To avoid possible mistake it may be well to explain that the establishment of free public baths in Kansas City will not require the addition to our aldermanic force of a "Bath-house John," of the Chicago variety.

Jerry Simpson cannot be blamed for disapproving of the speaker's arbitrary methods, but it is very foolish for a statesman of Jerry's heft to attempt to call down a grown-up man like Tom Reed.

In order to enhance the price of dairy products a Chicago scientist proposes to pasteurize milk and butter. He should understand that it is also important to past-

Having become acquainted with the furniture of his new office. Assistant Secretary Bristow has pulled off his coat and undertaken to show his hungry Republican friends what he is there for.

Kansas might as well go ahead with the work of killing its party. The job is too far along now to save anything by throw-Speaker Reed might agree, by way of compromise, that the committees shall be

Having passed the tariff bill, the house is now keeping the senate company in its dignified work of doing nothing in particular.

### MISSOURI POINTS.

Joplin turned out a tremendous house to see Jack McAuliffe and his pug show, but made no attempt to conceal its disappointment and disgust at the limited amount of gore spilled.

Judge Bower, recently of California, but for many years a citizen of Carthage and recognized Republican leader there, died at the residence of his son in Topeka a few days ago, after a lingering illness.

An energetic prosecuting attorney over in Ray county has plugged up the Richmond

Trenton is making elaborate preparations for tendering itself a reception as a sort of ouse-warming for its new city hall next Saturday.

George Rogers is a thrifty Caldwell county farmer who planted corn last week be-cause it was the right time of year, regardless of the Arthur through his whiskers. less of the Arctic breezes that whistled

went "wet" at the election the other day, and by a vote of nearly two to one. The mayor and council in Warrensburg

For the first time in twenty years Liberty

are again deadlocked, as they were two years ago, over the appointment of a night watchman and a janitor. Professor Steadman, of the Agricultural

college, has issued a bulletin concerning the use of a spray mixture, consisting of one pound of paris green, three pounds of fresh lime and 150 gallons of water, which, he says, will rid the apple trees of the recently discovered insect pests.

Of course, it isn't at all to be wondered at that Sedalia saw the airship the night following the closing of the deal for the big "Katy" shops. Even sea serpents are pardonable on such exceptionally felicitous

occasions. One recent evidence of increasing pros of Chinamen or South Africans in his mind | perity is fiercely resented by Jasper county by the state board of equalization in the tax valuation of property there, amounting to more than \$2,000,000.

Jasper county claims a distinction that it accords to no other one in either Missouri or Kansas in the possession within its territorial limits of four separate municipalities-Joplin, Carthage, Webb City and Carterville-in each of which the population exceeds 5,000.

A Belgium firm has established an agency in Joplin for the purchase and exportation of Jasper county ore.

There are on exhibition in a Clinton store a guitar and banjorine made by Eugene Hall, a young man living in the neighboring town of Urich, that are said to be marvels of beauty and skillful workmanship Black walnut is the material used, and both instruments are inlaid with lighter colored woods, and pearls obtained from mussel shells.

Some one broke into and thoroughly ransacked the Clinton postoffice the other night, but carried nothing away. The presumption is that the caller was only looking for the letter that never came.

The action of the voters in Warrensburg, the location of the state normal school, in providing at the election last week for only six months' school, is being severely and deservedly criticised by the press generally. Clinton secures the necessary funds for

ing for it exclusively the sprinkling priv-Lexington is willing to undergo almost anything in aid of the new bridge project, as is amply demonstrated by the fact that the seating capacity of the opera house has been sold out in advance for a home talent minstrel show for the bridge fund's ben-

maintaining its fire department by reserv-

### efit there next week. KANSAS TOPICS.

Hon, Thomas Benton Murdock, the well known newspaper man of Eldorado, has been spending a month in Eastern cities. While in Washington he was interviewed Kansas" aspect the product is as valuable as it is entertaining. Although the Hon. Thomas Benton has taken an exceedingly optimistic view of things generally, it cannot be said in truth that he has drawn the long bow anywhere.

"Oh, yes," said the Eldorado man as an opener, "we had quite a dry spell in 1860, and some grasshoppers flew over the state on their way to Arkansas in 1874. And we occasionally have some stiff prairie breezes, but as to drouths, grasshoppers and tornadoes, I have never gone dry, had my crops eaten, nor have I been blown up or away; and if you can find a better look ing, better fed or better preserved young man in Washington, of my age, I would like to see him. Of course you people would call me a 'hayseed' or sod buster from the wild and woolly West, and I own o it. But then, we are better fed, better clothed, better read, travel more, have more churches, schools and railways, and get more out of life than any people in the world; and if you will name a the earth where there is not a Kansas man at the head of the procession, I will own up that we are behind the times.

After recounting the fact that Kansas had no debt; that in time she would have twenty millions in her school fund, and that Butler county was nothing short of a slice of the Garden of Eden, Colonel Mur-

dock proceeds along as follows: "Live? Bless my soul, we live as no other people do. I was out in the campaign last fall-in fact, I am out every fall-and stopped over night at a good many farm houses, during September and October You people down here on the Atlantic

thing you buy, and who wear yourselves out trying to live within your incomes, don't know what free and easy living is, "Most forehanded farmers have room-

eries, and '-What the thunder is a roomery? "A place where mushrooms are cultivatd-a hatchery, and-"

"What the devil is a hatchery?" "A black bass and croppie fish hatchery. Most every farmer has a fish pond and a froggery, besides-'

"Say, Mr. Hayseed, please let up a minute and tell me what a froggery is." "You should go West and irrigate your nordinate imbecility. We grow greenhead frogs eighteen inches long, the same as we grow beauties-"

"There you go again. In the name of the Sunflower state, what are beauties?"
"American Beauty roses. We make garen hedges out of American Beauty rose But what is the use of talking about the geographical center of the Unit ed States to an Eastern newspaper man who can't tell the difference between an alfalfa fed pig and a Virginia razorback?" "What is alfalfa"

"A clover which takes the place of corn and grows without rain. You see, since we have introduced alfalfa and kaffir corn farming is becoming revolutionized. We are now running our places on an eight hour plan. A breakfast of loin steak and mushrooms, alfalfa pig, frog's legs, black bass, broiled chicken, eggs, hot rolls and coffee, with Jersey cream and strawberries. at 9, is about the caper. A light luncheon of cold turkey or beef, mallard duck, jellies, preserves and salads, at about 1, with The Populist investigating committee in a square dinner at 6, solaces the vacuity. Of course, the farm hands strike off at 5 to get ready for the plain, substantial farm dinner. which generally commences promptly at 6 and lasts about one hour and a quarter. I was out to a neighbor's, the evening before I started. Just ran in for a minute to see some 1,800-pound steers appointed at the regular session next winthat were ready to ship to Kaiser Bill and-

"Bill who?" "War Bill, of Germany. He gets all his heef from Kansas-and they didn't have any time to get up anything extra. It was just a plain, pot-luck, 6 o'clock, Kansas farm dinner, without any frills.

"After the gas was lighted in the dining

room and we were seated and the old man said grace, I glanced over the menu with some gratification, for if there is anything I really enjoy, next to fishing for black oass, it is a new fashioned farm dinner." "Say, my cheerful friend, what do you mean by lighting the gas; and how about

the menu? "All South Kansas has natural gas and a farmer has but to drill a few hundred feet and he has natural gas for cooking, heating and lighting.

"A beautiful, flaxen-haired daughter of the household-a very Virginia in looks and disposition-had written out a half-dozen bills of fare. As I was saving, the first thing on the menu was 'Pullets Pab.' " "Blessed be Kansas; and what kind of

broth is that?" The feet of half a dezen fat spring chickens properly prepared, the bones brok-en and boiled half an hour makes a soup known only to be loved. It beats terrapir all to smash. Then came black bass, baked spring chicken, roast lamb, jowl and greens, celery, vegetables, two kinds of pie -ves, we still eat pie during Lent-Helen Cameron cake, strawberry shortcake, glace, fruit, home made cheese, coffee, all washed down with the choicest wine."

"Caesar's ghost! How do you get fce cream out on the farm?" "Our farmers club together and put up ice every winter and have it just as regularly as they have their wine."

"But how about wines in prohibition Canana "My dear sir, do I look like a man who

was raised on creek water? "And don't you see, everything on this bill of fare except coffee, sugar and the condiments is home grown-Kansas home grown?

"Our local banks have half a million dollars of Butler county money on deposit, our farm mortgages are being paid off, we don't owe much of anything to anybody. there were about 200,000 head of cattle, horses, sheep and hogs in the county on the 1st day of January, or about eight head each inhabitant; and with no bad luck we will have money to loan to you East-ern fellows before ten years.

"Oh, yes, we get the spring and fall flights of wild geese, canvasbacks, redheads and mallards, while prairie chicken. quail and plover furnish plenty of shooting. And when the boys and girls want a ittle sport they get out their saddle horses take a dozen greyhounds and go after the jackrabbits, "Horses? We have the finest horses in

the world and lots of them. It is not an uncommon thing to see the sign: "Take One,' on the gate posts of some of our big armers. They are so cheap they are hard-

ly worth giving away.
"The butter, eggs and poultry pay the grocery bills of the farmers; and now that they are getting to milking the cows by machinery and making the butter at the creameries it is no trick at all to keep fifty or a hundred cows.

"Twenty years ago a steer was not ready for market till he was 4 years old. To-day we get from \$50 to \$75 per head from you people for our 2-year-olds, which cost us about \$18 or \$20 to fully ripen. You have got to have our wheat and pork, beef, corn and wool, while we can get along very well without your red herring, blind robbins and salt mackerel.

"No, I don't get down here very often. The climate is bad, the food is poor, the eople are narrow and selfish, and if stopped here a week I would begin to figare out how cheap I could live and would get as thin and measly looking as some of these fellows I see about Washington. You have had your day. The dry rot has set in here and in ten or twenty years you will not be in it. Go West and get the salty, fishy taste out of your mouth, get a breath of fresh air and a God-fearing country-loving, flag-worshiping, loyal in piration into you

"Don't talk to me about eating and drink ing. I don't want to hear another wor

about coming East to get salt water prod-"I got fresher Blue Points at the Planter house, St. Louis, last week than I got at the Shoreham to-day. The shad at the Coates House, Kansas City, was finer and less fishy that that I ate at the Waldorf New York, last Sunday; the terrapin served by a newspaper, and from a "stand up for in the Auditorium, Chicago, two weeks ago was better cooked and had a finer flavor than that I got at Rennert's, in Baltimore while I have a more luxurious pot of baked pork and beans every Sunday morning at hotel. While a neighboring farmer-Georg Ellis-threw a half dozen canvasback ducks on my back porch two weeks ago, their stomachs being full of wild celery seed that hey had eaten on the Gulf coast the day before. Don't talk to me about eating You fatigue my epigastrium. We pay no attention to eating. Our leisure time is largely taken up with books, magazines. nusic, art and other soulful matters. We have our business problems all figured out to a mathematical demonstration. A cow well managed, brings a net income of 11.6 cents per day; α 720-days-old steer increases in value just 7 cents per day net from the day he is born till the time of his marketing, while a 270-days-old pig adds 4.2 cents per day to the farmer's net income. An industrious, well managed hen is worth 2.1 this scientifically, and if we want a greater fixed income we just add a few more cov logs and steers and it is done. We pay but little attention to money making or money getting. We don't have to. The hired man does all the laborious figuring on the inomes, and it is he who looks after the de tails. We don't live in the environment of ncomes, outgoes, grub, victuals or drink. What do we read?

"Everything worth reading; the lates ooks, all the magazines and daily papers. Nothing escapes us.

"We live to acquire knowledge and wis iom and we read that we may be broadened and widened; that we may have charcoast, who figure on the cost of every- ity towards our benighted Eastern breth- | chusetts point of view, for the players en-

ren. Go West, young man, and learn wit dom. Go to Kansas and meet some of the blue blood of the nation, associate with stalwart American manhood and absorb a little of the love to God and love to man so prevalent out there. Get 2,000 feet above sea level and in doing so you learn to be more virtuous, more truthful and will be a good many thousand feet nearer God and heaven than you will ever get if you re

main here. "No, I thank you, I never smoke and never take anything away from Good-by; come and see me; my postoffice address is Eldorado, Kas."

### Strained Interstate Relations.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch. In the strained relations which have arisen between the states of New York and Michigan over the dual role of the sheriff of Lenawee county, in the latter state, as executive of Michigan justice and fugitive from the New York brand, we must avow our sympathy with the state of New York. Both in the aspects of justice and practical politics New York has the right to feel aggrieved, and Governor Pingree can hardly be true to the principles of the stern Roman father unless he delivers the sheriff aforesaid over to the rod which New York has in pickle for him.

The trouble arose over a man who is al-leged to have disappeared from Michigan in company with funds and property belonging to others. Being arrested in New York on request of the Michigan authorities and delivered up to the custody of the sheriff already mentioned he astonished the New York officers by appearing on the street the next day a free man. It subsequently develops that he naid the sheriff a sum of money adequate to secure his release, and the sheriff returned to Michigan, apparently happy in the belief that so long as he had the money it was not worth while to take an unduly acquisitive citizen away from the vicinity of Wall street in order to impose the cost of trying him and keeping him in prison on the pastoral regions about Adrain. It is not asserted that the sheriff pocketed the money, but that graceful abstention from the ultimate possibilities does not satisfy the New Yorkers New York not unreasonably claims that when she has, on request, captured one of Michigan's undesirable citizens it is Michigan's duty to take him away. This position an be supported by a variety of reasons. In the first place New York does not want to take all that fuss for nothing. Next, New York can allege with much force that it has already a full supply of who have a disposition to annex the goods of others, and needs no reinforcement from Michigan's stock in that line. Finally, it is not impossible that the reflection of the New York officers, that if the business was to be settled by the payment of cash in hand to the officers they could have attend-

take the long trip, has added to the dissatisfaction in the Empire state. At all events, after brooding over these things, New York has got rather heated under the coliar. Requested to arrest the man again, New York pointedly replies that he has been arrested once and that he did not stay arrested is not New York's fault. Then flinging its castor in the ring it asserts that the sheriff aforesaid in taking the money and turning the prisoner oose trampled on the peace and dignity of the state of New York, and calls or Governor Pingree to give him up. This reasonable request we regret to say Pingree

ed to that part of the business themselves.

has refused. There is where Pingree is wrong. The custom which this officer represents might ontain very lucrative possibilities for sheriffs: but that is not the purpose of interstate commerce in fugitives from just-ice. Since the New York authorities caught he Michigan fugitive Pingree should rec ognize that reciprocity requires him to send back the sheriff who turned the prisoner loose, and let the New York courts work their will upon him.

#### nited States at French Exposition From the Chicago Times-Herald.

Senator Mason introduced in the senat Wednesday a joint resolution accepting the invitation of the French republic to take part in the international exposition to be held in Paris in 1900.

The resolution requests the governors the states and territories to invite their citizens to assist in the proper representation of their arts and industries at the exposition. It also provides for the appoint ment by the president of a commissioner general to represent the United States in the exposition and take charge of their interests, also an assistant commissione general, and nine scientific experts. The esclution calls for an appropriation of \$750,000 for the expenses of the American

This resolution will have the cordial in orsement and hearty support of the American people. Our own national pride and the national comity that exists between the two great republics require that we take ninent part in the exposition and tha our exhibit shall adequately represent the ommercial, industrial, artistic and educational progress of the nation to which the brave Lafayette gave his sword in the days of the revolution

The French exhibit at the world's fall was one of the most important features of that great exposition. It was munificen in its display of the products of mechanic al and artistic genius, and was regarded by many as the most attractive of all the

foreign exhibits. This nation should respond in 1900 in a manner generously commensurate with ou mmeasurable industrial and artistic resources. Our contribution to this international exposition should be projected on a broad and liberal scale, and should fittingly exemplify the advanced civilization of the greatest of modern republics. No time should be lost in passing Senator Mason's

# Benefactor Pearson's Birthday.

from the Chicago Tribune. Dr. D. K. Pearsons, whose benefaction

young and struggling colleges (Drury, at Springfield, among them) have secure for him national fame, celebrated yesterday his 77th birthday. The most gratifying feature of the celebration was the large number of dispatches and letters of congratulation he received from all over the United States. Among them was the following dispatch from William Goodell Frost, president of Berea (Ky.) college: "Berea depot, Ky., April 13.—To D. K. Pearsons, Hinsdale, Ill.: Birthday congrat-ulations. Twenty colleges are your foster children. Ten thousand students are your ulations.
children. Ten thousand students are you
grandchildren. Six hundred in Beren prz
that you may live long to see what we ca
do with the young Lincolns of to-day.
"WILLIAM GOODELL FROST."

Similar greetings came from Mount Holy-oke to Tacoma. Thus does a good deed shine in a naughty world.

# From the New York Sun.

Having reformed pretty much everything else, the Massachusetts reformers are now chanting war songs and blazing with serried columns against the wickedness of playing whist for prizes. It seems that many Massachusetts women divert themselves by playing whist and that some of them play that strenuous and enchanting game morning, nooft and night. The town of Waltham seems to be an especially good example of the whist habit. Mrs. Brown, "president of the W. C. T. U. branch in Waltham and the crusader against prize whist," has startled a reporter of the Boston Journal by informing him that "a party of ladies were forming a morning whist club, saying that the could just as well pass a couple of hours in the morning playing whist." "Already." ontinued Mrs. Brown, "the women of Waltham were playing whist afternoon and evening, and I thought the last proposition. to spend their mornings at the same pas time, was carrying the matter too far, and that it was time to call a halt." Ther are other Massachusetts towns where this practice of morning whist prevails. The specific reasons against morning whist do not appear clearly, but on general grounds it must be pronounced had from a Massa-

joy the game. Besides, the mind may b wearied by playing whist the livelong day, and the evening games of it be less brilliant in memory, in mathematics, and in that sublime clairvoyance to which old experience doth attain. Probably the legislature will be called upon to interfere although whist is not a legislative game.

### Everything Running Right.

From the Boston Herald. So far as the condition of the treasury counts, business men have a solid basis for hopefulness. Everything is running right The gold reserve is steadily rising under the inflow from the domestic production of the yellow metal-the best possible influence for the support of the currency. Last week the reserve gained another point in its upward movement, rising above the \$153,000,000 line. To be exact in the matter, it now stands at \$153,114,438, an increase of \$15,797,895 since January 1, and of no less than \$51,414,834 in the fiscal year, a period of a little over nine months. This growth of the reserve, and the fact that the growth continues at a very gratifying rate without the stimulus of foreign supplies s a very favorable symptom, for it shows that, in spite of the persistent efforts which have been made in the past four years to system still commands the confidence of

Another very welcome feature in the curent returns from the treasury is found in the largeness of the receipts. In March, is our readers may remember, the monthly deficit disappeared, to give place to a surplus of a little over \$9,000,000. This nonth, thus far, there is a deficit of \$1,000. 913, but its reappearance is attributed to heavy payments of interest and pensions, which run large during the first third of the month. Yet, large as the disbursements in these classes have been in April, the receipts have come within a little of balancing them. If the revenue continue on the present scale through the current April, it gives promise of showing a sur plus of at least \$1,000,000. On that estimate, the returns for the first four months of the calendar year, when completed, will display an excess of receipts over expendi tures to the amount of at least \$3,000,000.

# Greece's Strength: Turkey's Weakness

From the Chicago Record. The attitude of Greece is indeed that of David attacking Goliath. Its weapons are like David's sling and pebbles-few in num ber but they are to be depended upon-and the Greeks know how to use them. In numbers the Greek soldiers are a mere handful compared with the Turks. But if defeated in pitched battle by overwhelming numbers they can, and doubtless will, unless the powers intervene, resort to guerrilla warfare. The Turks would then be as helpwithout troubling the Lenawee man to less as the Spanish are in Cuba. That they cannot manage that kind of fighting is illustrated in their failure, after centuries of effort, to subdue the petty Montenegrin state.

But fighting, in case of war, will not be confined to the land. The warfare upon the sea may even be the more important. Turkey has a much larger navy than Greece but it is practically worthless, while that of Greece is in excellent condition. Unless the powers sink the Greek fleet before war is declared it will be able to severely punish Turkey, several of whose most important Smyrna, are not prepared for effective de-fense. It is this fact which has perhaps caused the powers to delay carrying out their threat to blockade Athens, in the face of King George's declaration that the moment that steps were taken he would declare war against Turkey. Should King leorge do so the powers would be obliged to raise the blockade or establish the dan gerous precedent of neutrals engaging in acts of war during war time, without having declared war, which they are not likely to do.

# The Fish Hand for Mae.

From the New York Tribune. A leak in the bucket of Kansas rumor drizzles upon us the information that Mrs. ease is going to abandon that state and sylvania. Only one other man now take up her residence in New York. There be not only ungallant, but untrue, to say hat it was preferable to her company. But she must not expect to be taken very seriously. The talking woman is abundant here; another more or less is of little consequence. She comes and goes, breathing her flute-like note when and how she listeth, a stiff-necked and perverse generation not much heeding her. In order to take the town captive and divide attention with current occasions of interest, Mrs. Lease would have to put on an amount of oratorical style which she has so far given no sign of ability to carry off.

# Frightful Example.

From the Chicago Tribune. When Miss Phoebe Couzins advised girls to marry rather than enter public life did t occur to her that they might do both Look at the appalling case of Mrs. Lease.

Feminine Journalism in Kentucky.

From the Chicago Post. Somebody, recognizing our admiration for the varied fields of feminine endeavor, ha ent us a copy of the special edition of the Covington (Ky.) Commonwealth, edited by staff of ladies with charitable intent. The edition seems to be fairly up to the high standard of feminine publications, and we have read the various contributions on a multiplicity of topics with interest profit. But we are somewhat dismayed by the character of the advertisements. of which we republish by way of illustra-

"John Brenner Brewing Company. "Farmers and Shippers' Tobacco Waretouse Company

The Bock of the Lion Brewery on Tap. Frank B. Thomas. "Huber's Turf Exchange. Direct reports

from all the races. "Regan's. Best brands liquors, wines and cigars."

We looked in vain for the familiar feat-ures of our old friend, Mrs. Pinkham, and we confess to a feeling of surprise that in a newspaper edited wholly by women this dear old philanthropist found no place or ecognition. But to us the sin of omission is not comparable to the sin of commission and our horror at the presence of these ad-vertisements of the emissaries of the acursed liquor power is not mitigated by the effection that they are a little looser in such matters in Kentucky. What will Sister Willard say to this prostitution of fem-inine editorial talent? How will our helpful sisters of the local W. C. T. U. regard a newspaper published by women which tell its readers where to go for liquors, wines and cigars? What will be the emo-tions of George W. Cable when he learns that his daughter is writing for a paper which gives the address of a saloon where bock beer is obtainable? And what will be the horror of every pious woman and mother who sees her sex aiding and abetting the destroyers of youth and virtue! We are charitable enough to make allowance for the ladies who have fallen into this grievous error. Although there are three business managers, headed by Sallie Wolcott, we feel assured that these objectionable advertisements were smuggled in by a low male fellow after the counting room was shut up and the ladies had gone home. And we confidently expect a card to this effect will be immediately published. What! Ladies accepting advertisement

## from saloons and cards from turf ex-changes! Never! At the Yildia Kloak.

From the New York Press,
"What?" roared the sultan angrily. "A Salvation Army band? And here all alor I thought it was only the concert of the powers!

In truth, the same element of harmony was conspicuously absent from both.

From the Indianapolis Journal.

"Something," said the Cuban leader, got to be did, and that pretty soon." "Why this haste?" asked the subordinate. "The baseball season in America opens

### OF CURRENT INTEREST.

"There is only one successful way of geting a man up early," says a hotel clerk. We have to send a boy to his door who will knock until he hears, and then tell him that there is a telegram for him. That always brings a commercial man out at once, and as soon as he opens the door for the telegram we just say: 'Sir, it is 7:30 o'clock.' He will slam the door shut with the biggest sort of an oath and tear about the room as mad as a wild bull. That wakes him up pretty thoroughly, and he comes downstairs feeling so sheepish that he doesn't say a word. We practice that deception every morning. We've got to. The other morning we awoke a man in that way after trying the bell repeatedly. He was mad at first, but when he came downstairs he said it would have cost him \$50) if he had missed his train."

Bishop Ethelbert Talbot, of Wyomingwho, by the way, was for years a well known Missouri clergyman-is one of the most skillful fishermen and expert rifle shots in the great Northwest. He knows the state from Fort Laramie to the Yellowne, and has killed game on every range. He is also an excellent preacher and a good have been made in the past four years to man. Recently, as "Tip" tell it in the New discredit our present currency system, that York Press, he wanted money for the church, and, as subscriptions and contributhe country as fully as it did before it was so vigorously assailed.

tions were slow, he "took a little walk around." In a back room in Cheyenne he came across five of his congregation play-ing poker. Each had a comfortable stack of chips in front of him. These the hishop swiped and on the following day sent to the banker to be cashed. The moneysome \$700-was set down to the credit

It is claimed that there are more sufides in summer than in winter. Several causes are assigned for this curious cireumstance, and perhaps the most plausible is that the rivers in the winter are not only frezen over in many cases so as to absolutely preclude self-destruction by drowning, but they are also terribly uninviting with their cold, cheerless ebb, even when they are not actually congealed. A softly flowing stream, with its warm waves cooing an invitation, is really tempting to a weary, soulsick man or woman, and the easy step from the world which worries into the calm oblivion of a sleep on the bosom of the gentle waves is too alluring to be refused by a host of desperate creat-

A statue of the late Judge Tom Hughes. author of "Tom Brown's School Days," will shortly be erected at Rugby school. It is to be of Sicilian marble, resting upon a pedestal of granite, and will be erected by Mr. Brook, R. A., at a cost of \$5,000. It was at first believed that the money raised by subscription would far exceed the requred sum, and the committee in charge had therefore intended to devote the surplus to the Rugby school mission, in which Judge Hughes was greatly interested. As, however, this surplus consists of but an in-significant sum, it has been resolved to make an additional appeal to the public for the benefit of the mission.

"Owney," the dog which has traveled over so many railroads of the United States through the kindness of railroad men and postal clerks, has apparently reached the end of his rcpe. The superintendent of mails in Chicago has ordered that the beast commercial ports, such as Salonica and be not transported in mail cars. "If the dog," he says, "were in any wise remarka-ble for his intelligence, there might be some reason for paying attention to him. He is only a mongrel cur, which has been petted until the thing has become disgusting. His riding about on the postal cars distracts the attention of the clerks, takes up the time of employes at stations in showing him around, and it is about time he was kicked out."

It was forty-two years ago last Decem-ber, or in 1855, that Mr. Morrill entered congress as a representative from Vermont. Secretary Sherman went at the same time as a member from Ohio. The only man now in congress who was there when Mr. Morrill made his appearance is Galusha A. Grow, then, as now, a member from Penngress served at an earlier date than 1855, is plenty of room for her here, and it would and he is Isham G. Harris, senator from Tennessee, who was a member of th in 1849. Mr. Grow entered in 1851, but neither Harris nor Grow has had continuous serv-

An unfortunate actor died in London recently from heart disease, induced by the efforts he had to make as the villain of the piece. It was his duty in that capacity to hurl the hero of the play to the end of the stage, and the execution of this act during two years brought on the malady from which he eventually succumbed. The "villain" had often complained of fatigue after the performance, but, as it was believed to be the hero who really suffered from such hard usage, light was made of his complaints, which have now ended in

this pathetic way. It is said that musicians who play entirely upon the piano preserve, if they do not acquire, a luxuriant growth of hair, On the other hand, wind instruments, especially the cornet and the trombone, are fatal to hirsute adornment. The violon celle and the harp are favorable to the preservation of the hair, but the flute cannot be depended on after the fiftieth year. Paderewski is cited as an example of what the vibrations of a plane will do in this direction. It has been admitted for a long tma that music possesses a certain thera-

Brussels is trying a new plan of raising money for charity. Public school children pick up rubbish of all sorts on their way to school and deliver it to the teachers. In eight months they collected 1,925 pounds of tinfoil, 230 pounds of old paint tubes 4.415 pounds of old bottles and 1,221 pounds of metal scraps. Sorted out and sold the rubbish provided clothing for 500 poor children and sent ninety invalids to the seashore, leaving a balance which was distributed among the sick poor.

It was rather odd that on his first trip into the wilderness of the Maine woods the good fortune should fall to Dr. G. H. Gray, of Lynn, to shoot the largest moose ever brought down, so far as the annals of the sport disclose, with the sole exception of one recently shot in Alaska. The Prince of Wales no longer has the distinction of being the owner of the largest pair of

mocse antlers in existence. The California branch of the Lincoln Monument National League is raising money by popular subscription for a mon-ument to Lincoln, to be placed in Golden Gate park, San Francisco. May 28 is to be observed as Lincoln day in the public schools of the state, and addresses appropriate to the occasion will be made in them.

The present department store system originated about forty years ago with the great dry goods firm of Todd, Burns & Co., of Dublin. When A. T. Stewart revisited Ireland, about 1861, he examined the innovation closely and began to introduce some of the features in his New York store

Facific slope papers are reviving the most authentic descriptions of the bread tree of the Pacific Islands, which, besides growing properly leavened baking bread, furnishes glue, towels, cloth tinder, or shades and fans for the frugal natives. Some of the bags carrying the South

Wilde during his stay in Reading prison, and one of them, by a curious coincidence carried the typewritten copies of his plays recently produced in Johannesburg. The White Star line freight steamer

African mails have been made by Oscar

Cevic, which arrived at New York Wednes-day from Liverpool, brought the largest cargo that has ever been shipped from England to this country. It consisted of 11,500 tons of merchandise.

Governor Bloxham, of Florida, has issued a call for a national fisheries congress, to neet at Tampa on January 19, 1898, for formulating methods of saving from extinction many varieties of valuable food